

SUMMARY

SAYRE-COALE HOUSE
3332 Cool Branch Road
Churchville, Maryland 21028
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This two-story stuccoed stone house with a side hall plan was built between 1832 and 1856 by either Samuel Chase Coale or William F. Coale, both sons of Dr. Skipworth and Eliza Coale. Eliza was the daughter of Samuel Chase, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Delegate of the Continental Congress, and appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by George Washington - and later impeached, then acquitted.

Architecturally, the house is much like an urban rowhouse. The side hall - double parlor plan is unusual in this rural area and its builders may have intended to add on to the other side of the hall later. The proportions and detailing are quite elegant and, except for the stuccoed exterior, intact.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sayre-Coale House

AND/OR COMMON

Waffle Hill Farm

2 LOCATION (north side of Glenville Road at intersection with Cool Branch Rd.)

STREET & NUMBER

3332 Cool Branch Road, nr. Churchville

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Sayre

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3332 Cool Branch Road

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story stuccoed stone house is located north of Cool Branch Road on what is now known as "Waffle Hill Farm."

Facing south and set on the brow of a hill so that there is a full ground story on the south side, this three-bay wide and two-room deep gable-roofed house has a recent two-story addition on the west end. The original house has a pair of interior end chimneys in the east end and 6/6 window sash with square cut trim. Spanned by a shed-roofed screened porch on a rock-faced concrete block foundation, the south side has an entrance located in the west bay of the south side with a four-light transom and a four-panel door. The west end is blank except for 2 gable windows. The north side is similar to the south except for a window at stair landing Level in the west bay.

The interior has a side hall-double parlor plan. The window and door trim consists of a recessed band flanked by cyma recta bands, with plain corner blocks. Windows have splayed jambs with single vertical panels. The parlors are separated by double eight-panel doors. The mantels in both parlors have rounded shelves, plain cornices, stone openings with brick arches flanked by pilasters with simple collars.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sayre-Coale House seems to have been built between 1832 and 1856 by either Samuel Chase Coale or William F. Coale, both sons of Skipwith Coale. The case is as follows:

In 1789, Thomas Hall conveyed 1058 acres of several tracts, to Henry Ridgely to secure his debt of 2707 pounds.¹ Hall directed that Hall's Rich Neck and Additions thereto be sold to Josiah Lee and Joseph Miller, but land records show no evidence of the latter transaction. Instead, Ridgely sold 152-1/4 acres of the named tracts to Mary Criswell for £300 in 1810.²

The 1814 Tax List assesses Mary Criswell for \$1530 worth of property in the third district: 153 acres, two one-story wood houses, a kitchen barn, stable, and meat house. Four years later, Jacob Haines of Chester County purchased this property for \$2824.70.³ According to a deed made in 1834,⁴ Haines had agreed to sell this farm to Skipwith Coale on August 17, 1824, and conveyed it officially to Coale's widow, Eliza, in 1834 for \$2000.

Skipwith Coale, a physicial and farmer, married the daughter of Samuel Chase (b. 1741, d. 1811), signer of the Declaration of Independence, Delegate to the Continental Congress, and appointed to the United States Supreme Court by George Washington, impeached, and then acquitted. Eliza and Skipwith Coale had six children, four of whom survived Skipwith, who died in 1832: Samuel Chase Coale, Isaac W. Coale, William F. Coale, and Eliza M. Jackson. The inventory of his personal estate shows him to have been a comfortable--if not exactly prosperous--gentleman. Valued at \$711, the inventory included such items as: an "old" ox cart, an "old" plough, a carriage and harness, two yokes oxen, four horses (incl. "one old white horse"), one "milch" cow and three other cows and a large sow; and in the household: one dozen "fancy" chairs (\$18), seven common chairs (\$6.50), two black boys aged eight years (\$50) and four months (\$10) respectively, and one black girl, aged four (\$30), four small cotts (\$100), one brassfender (\$7), one old settee (\$2), one old carpet (\$5), one lot "meddaca" books (\$10), and one U.S. Map (\$2). Skipwith Coale's will indicates that he had manumitted all his other slaves.

Skipwith Coale's estate was composed of two separate tracts "Hartley" and "Westwood." The latter is referred to as the home farm, so presumably his own house was located there.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will & Equity Records of Harford County
1798 & 1814 Tax Assessments

Portrait & Biographical Record of Harford & Cecil Counties; Chapman Publishing Co.,
N.Y., 1897

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

8. Significance

Continuation Sheet #1

In 1856, in the settlement of the estate of William F. Coale, son of Skipwith Coale, the two farms were divided into four pieces--one for each of Skipwith's children. This house is located on the "Hartley" farm, on the north portion assigned to Samuel Chase Coale, which he refers to on the 1856 Plat as that which he now occupies. Whether he actually built the house is still a question--it is said to have been built for William F. Coale, who was given the southern portion of Hartley Farm. In any case, the house dates from the late 1830's to the late 1840's, and was purchased for \$3000 by Isaac W. Coale, another brother, in 1858⁶. (Probably to rescue Samuel Chase Coale, labelled "insolvent" in several equity cases). The 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map acknowledged this transaction and lists a house in this location belonging to I. W. Coale. Five years later he purchased William F. Coale's half for \$3188.00.⁷ Born in 1823, Isaac W. Coale was a farmer, educated at Baltimore College. He first worked with the hardware store, Richard Norris and Son, in Baltimore and returned to Harford County in 1843. The Portrait & Biographical Record tells us that Isaac Coale was Chief Judge of the Orphan's Court, a democrat, and member of the congregation of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. In his will dated 1899, Isaac Coale left the farm to his son, Harry D. Coale,⁸ who in 1926 gave it to his son, William Chase Coale.⁹ The Coales owned the farm until 1960.

Architecturally, the house is much like an urban rowhouse. The sidehall-double parlor plan is rare in this rural area and its builders may have intended to add on to the other side of the hall later. The proportions and detailing are quite elegant, and, except for the stuccoed exterior, intact.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

5435 HA-145
N. R. FIELD
130 SHEET

COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Sayre - Coale House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Lane runs north at the turn in Cool Branch Road
CITY OR TOWN: Churchville Less than 0.1 mi north of Glenville Road

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Harper

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>			
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Larson Sayre

STREET AND NUMBER:

Cool Branch Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Churchville

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER:

Harper County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:

Bel Air

STATE:

Md

CODE

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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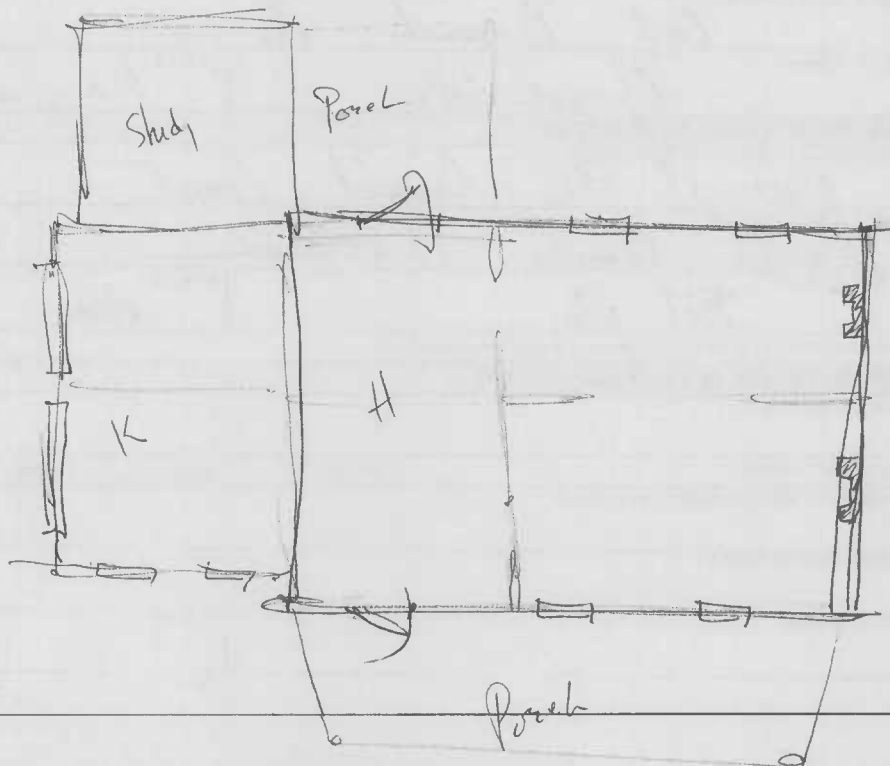
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone stucco house, two stories, 3 bays by 3, facing south. This house has a wing on the west that adds two rooms down stairs, one up ⁽¹⁹²⁰⁾, and a one-story addition to the north-west corner of the house, built in 1900.

~~There~~ There are no windows on the east wall except one in the attic between flues of the large double chimney which rises from ~~the double chimney~~ the front porch. The front porch is enclosed.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

about 1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☒

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☒Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This house was built in about 1820 for Isaac Coole ~~grandson~~ grandson of Samuel Chase, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Successful farmers for four generations, Chase Coole sold his farm to a young man (with independent income) in 1956 or '58, who continues to farm.

Located near Deer Creek, this farm and its beautiful unspoiled view would be destroyed by a proposed high dam were built. (Black and white photos show view ~~from the~~ north ~~west~~ of the house) The ~~setting~~ setting of the house is beautiful.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Don S. Poring</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>Maryland Historic Trust</i>	DATE: <i>Jan '70</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>50 State Circle</i>		
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SAYRE - COALE HOUSE

Title Search

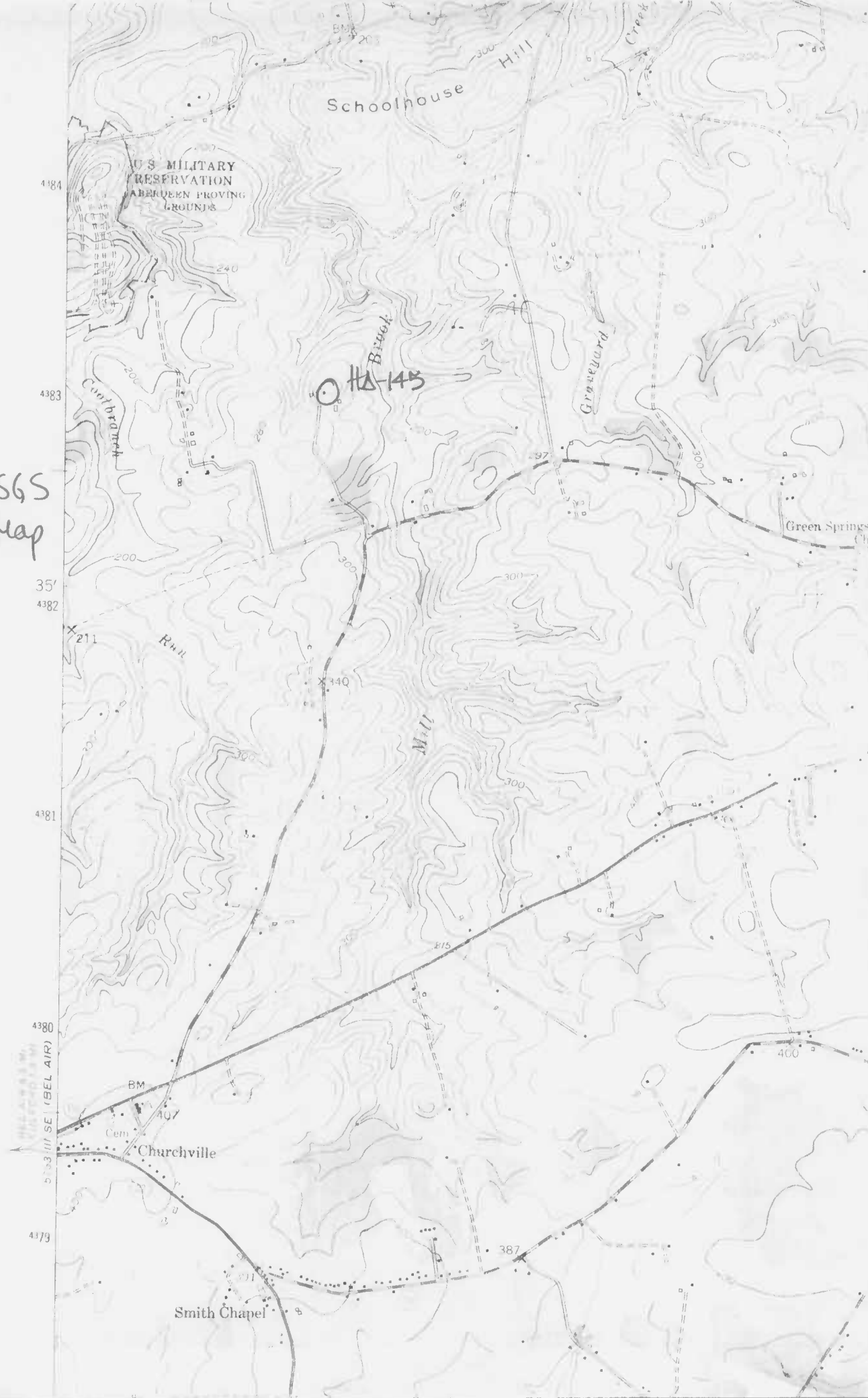
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1. 547/112 March 22, 1960 Grantor: W. Chase Coale & Ruth C. Coale
Grantee: Lawrason R. Sayre & Jane H. Sayre
Acreage: 144.52 Acres, Hartley Farm
2. DGW 201/132 September 27, 1926 Grantor: Harry D. Coale & Anna S. Coale
Grantee: Wm. Chase Coale, son of Grantors
Sum: 144 Acres, 48 Square Perches
3. Will Records
HTB 13/168 January 14, 1899 Will of Isaac W. Coale
Acreage: 144 Acres, 48 Square Perches
4. WG 14/210 June 30, 1863 Grantor: Stevenson Archer, trustee for Samuel Raisin & others
Grantee: Isaac W. Coale
Sum: \$3188
Acreage: 79 A, 2 R, 32 p
part of tract called "Halls Rich Neck" sometimes called "Hartley Farm"; Lot 2 in case
5. ALJ 9/412 March 2, 1858 Grantor: Henry D. Farnandis, trustee for Samuel Chase Coale and others
vs. Samuel Raisin and others
Grantee: Isaac W. Coale
Sum: \$3000
Acreage: part of tract called "Hartley" (Lot 1) containing 64 A, 2 R, 16P
6. Equity Records
WG5/356 February 23, 1856 Samuel H. Raisin & others vs. Samuel Chase Coale, Isaac W. Coale, Eliza Jackson, Skipwith Jackson, Charles F. Mayer
Settlement of estate of Wm. F. Coale (d. 1855)
7. Will Records
TSB 5/10 1829 Will of Skipwith H. Coale
Property to wife, Eliza
8. HD 17/270 May 6, 1834 Grantor: Jacob Haines & wife Rachel of Lycoming Co., Pa.
Grantee: Eliza Coale
Sum: \$2,000

SAYNE - COALE HOUSE
Title Search (Cont.)
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9.	HD 1/311	April 16, 1818	Grantor: James Criswell, Exec. of Mary Criswell Grantee: Jacob Haines of Chester Co., Pa. Sum: \$2824.70 Acreage: part of "Hall's Rich Neck" & part of "1st Addition to Hall's Rich Neck" = 145-1/4 Acres, 34 Perches
10.	HDW/22	November 16, 1810	Grantor: Henry Ridgely of Anne Arundel Co. Grantee: Mary Criswell Sum: 300 pounds Acreage: part of Hall's Rich Neck & part of 1st Addition to "Hall's Rich Neck" = 152-1/4 Acres
11.	JLGK/403	March 28, 1789	Grantor: Thos. Hall Grantee: Henry Ridgely of Balto. Co. Sum: 3707 pounds Acreage: Jerico, Aquilas Inheritance, Simmons Neglect, Halls Rich Neck, Additions on Halls Rich Neck & the Wind Mills = 1058 Acres

Aberdeen USGS
Quadrangle Map





Sayre-Coale House
Churchville, MD 21028

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Natalie Shivers 1/80
East



Sayre=Coale House
Churchville, MD 21028

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Natalie Shivers 1/80
North



Sayre-Coale House, HA-145
Churchville, Maryland 21028

Natalie Shivers 1/80
South